



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### HOUSING COMMISSION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2017

HCR17-069

SUBJECT: Contract for the Fiscal Year 2018 People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)  
Downtown San Diego Connections Housing Interim Housing Program

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): Citywide

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Homeless Housing Innovations

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#### REQUESTED ACTION:

Recommend the execution of an agreement with People Assisting the Homeless totaling \$717,118 for interim housing services during the term of July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF KEY FACTORS:

- Approving this action will authorize the Housing Commission to expend \$717,118 to provide interim housing services to homeless single adults.
- The proposed funding is included in the Housing Commission's FY 2018 Approved Budget, which was also approved by the Housing Authority in June 2017.
- PATH shall provide a year-round (365 days per year) service-enhanced interim bed facility for 500 homeless individuals in the downtown San Diego area during Fiscal Year 2018 through their Downtown San Diego Connections Housing Interim Housing Program.





## REPORT

**DATE ISSUED:** August 31, 2017

**REPORT NO:** HCR17-069

**ATTENTION:** Chair and Members of the San Diego Housing Commission  
For the Agenda of September 8, 2017

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Connections Housing Interim Housing Program

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Citywide

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the San Diego Housing Commission Board of Commissioners (Housing Commission) take the following actions:

1. Ratify the execution of an agreement with People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) in the amount of \$717,118 to provide interim housing services to homeless single adults, consisting of the following funding sources: \$276,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds allocated by the City of San Diego for the funding of social services in Fiscal Year 2018; \$123,618 of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds available for the funding of social services in Fiscal Year 2018; \$40,000 provided by the Housing Commission; and \$277,500 allocated by the City of San Diego from its General Fund (GF);
2. Ratify the execution by the Housing Commission President & Chief Executive Officer (President & CEO), or designee, of all documents and instruments necessary and/or appropriate to implement these approvals, in a form approved by General Counsel, and to take such actions necessary and/or appropriate to implement these approvals; and
3. Authorize the President & CEO to substitute funding sources and/or increase compensation by not more than 20 percent of the total agreement amount for the proposed agreement, if necessary, without further action by the Housing Commission Board of Commissioners (Board), but only if and to the extent that funds are determined to be available for such purposes.

**SUMMARY**

The Housing Commission administers the contracts for the City of San Diego's (City) Homeless Shelters and Services Programs based on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Housing Commission and the City that took effect on July 1, 2010. This MOU was amended and restated as approved by the Housing Commission Board on May 9, 2014, and April 10, 2015, and the City Council on June 17, 2014, and April 28, 2015. Connections Housing Downtown San Diego is a part of the City's of Homeless Shelters and Services Programs.

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PATH shall provide a year-round (365 days per year) service-enhanced interim 150-bed facility that serves 500 homeless individuals in the downtown San Diego area during Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) through their Downtown San Diego Connections Housing Interim Housing Program. Connections Housing prioritizes and targets the most vulnerable, disabled, chronically homeless individuals living in the downtown San Diego area. The target population served includes individuals who would otherwise be forced to live in places not intended for human habitation, (e.g., vehicles, parks, abandoned buildings, sidewalks, streets) were it not for the shelter and services provided by the program. These individuals often have varied and complex service needs not met by other programs.

The facility is centrally located in downtown San Diego, allowing the program to utilize a unique co-location model and provide a full range of supportive services on-site, including housing, a health center, and numerous social services. This “one-stop shop” service delivery model is combined with the “Housing First” model, which has proven effective in serving chronically homeless individuals. Services provided include but are not limited to: assistance in obtaining permanent housing; a safe and secure environment; access to appropriate case management and supportive services; at least two meals per day, seven days per week; and referrals.

#### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMPACT**

As San Diegans continue to live in a City-declared “shelter crisis,” the need for immediate housing assistance is critical to the well-being of community members. The Downtown San Diego Connections Housing Interim Housing Program serves this purpose by providing interim housing services to men and women experiencing homelessness. Individuals participating in this program represent some of San Diego’s most vulnerable citizens, as 100 percent of participants are homeless, with low-to-moderate incomes.

#### **FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The proposed funding approved by this action is included in the Housing Commission’s Fiscal Year 2018 Approved Budget, which was also approved by the Housing Authority on June 6, 2017. Approving this action authorizes the Housing Commission to expend \$717,118. Additionally, approving this action will result in the provision of shelter and services for approximately 500 individuals served by PATH during Fiscal Year 2018, at an average annual cost of \$14.66 per bed night.

#### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/CONTRACTING**

PATH is a nonprofit established in 1984. The Equal Opportunity Contracting forms were submitted to the Housing Commission in advance of contract execution. As a nonprofit, PATH is exempt from the requirement to submit a Workforce Report.

#### **KEY STAKEHOLDERS and PROJECTED IMPACTS**

Stakeholders for this project include: PATH Connections residents and PATH as the sub-recipient administering the program. The program is expected to have a positive impact on the community because it will provide shelter and services to 500 otherwise homeless individuals.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The activities described in the report are not a project as defined in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15378(b)(5) as they are administrative activities of government that will not result

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in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and, therefore, are not subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Nevertheless, they would be categorically exempt under multiple separate provisions of CEQA, including Section 15301 for existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The activity contemplated herein, including operation of the facility, is categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to Section 58.35(b)(2) and (3) and exempt per Section 58.34(a)(3) and (4) of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Vice President & Chief of Staff  
San Diego Housing Commission

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